

IMIDAZOLINE RECEPTOR BINDING COMPOUNDS

ABSTRACT

5 Pentamidine and analogs thereof have activity as imidazoline receptor binding compounds. A method of binding the imidazoline receptor, comprises contacting a bis-benzene to said imidazoline receptor in an amount effective to bind to said receptor, wherein said bis-benzene contains at least one amidine group (e.g., one or two). The contacting step may be carried out *in vivo* or *in vitro*. Contacting may be
10 carried out with individual active compounds or with libraries of active compounds.

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